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POLAND: Hopes for an Easing of Restrictions

*There is widespread expectation in Poland that the regime will release most internees and lift many martial law restrictions later this month, but reliable sources claim the regime remains divided on both matters.*

The new party secretary in Poznan told [REDACTED] that martial law is practically over and that all remaining internees will be released this month. [REDACTED] there is much speculation in Warsaw about how martial law might be eased. A senior government official has commented in private that Premier Jaruzelski had proposed a general amnesty to be announced on 22 July--National Day--but that he was opposed by conservatives.

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Deputy Premier Rakowski reportedly said in late May that the regime might declare an end to martial law to encourage Western lenders to reschedule Poland's debt. He added, however, that in practice martial law would continue and that there was no role for Solidarity.

In the USSR, *Pravda* has just published its strongest attack on Solidarity in weeks.

Comment: Although many in the regime want to make some conciliatory gesture, Jaruzelski's indecisiveness and the deadlock within the leadership probably will prevent any dramatic action. The regime still seems intent on recentralizing its control. The warning in *Pravda* is a signal that the Soviets continue to favor this course.

The government probably is not confident enough to release Lech Walesa or the senior union leadership. It will reintern anyone who engages again in opposition activities. Jaruzelski may reveal the regime's plans at the next session of the party Central Committee, expected soon.

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